

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The wrapper paper according to ~~claim 5 or 6~~ claim 6, wherein the calcium carbonate is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 30 g/m^2 to 50 g/m^2 .

3. (Currently amended) The wrapper paper according to ~~claim 5 or 6~~ claim 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.

4. (Currently amended) The wrapper paper according to ~~claim 5 or 6~~ claim 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium citrate and sodium citrate.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m^2 of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein ~~an ash~~ the percentage of ash content in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is ~~not higher than 35% by mass~~ lower than a total ash content in percentage of the wrapper paper, and

wherein ~~the percentage of ash content in the surface layer on each of the top side and the bottom side of the wrapper paper is lower than a total percentage of ash content of the paper~~ not higher than 30% by mass.

7. (New) A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m^2 of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein the amount of calcium carbonate in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is decreased while keeping the amount of calcium carbonate contained within the wrapper paper.